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SUBJECT:CONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL STORAGE OF BULK PETROLEUM
IN FRANCE

REF: PARIS 13628 (DTG 262327Z APR 78)

1. SUBJECT OF WORLD-WIDE BULK PETROLEUM STORAGE IS UNDER
REVIEW IN DOD. LEASING OF COMMERICAL STORAGE WILL NOT
BE PURSUED BY DOD UNTIL REVIEW COMPLETED. PURPOSE OF
THE REVIEW IS TO DETERMINE THE DESIRED LOCATION AND
QUANTITY OF STORAGE. THEREFORE, REQUEST NO FURTHER
ACTION BE TAKEN WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ON THIS
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MATTER BEYOND PROPOSED RESPONSE IN REFTTEL.

2. CONCUR WITH YOUR PROPOSED REPLY TO THE FRENCH MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXCEPT FOR THE THIRD PARAGRAPH. SUGGEST
THAT PARAGRAPH, WHICH BEGINS "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
PREFERS...", BE RESTATED AS FOLLOWS: "THE DISCUSSIONS
HAVE BEEN EXPLORATORY TO DEVELOP INFORMATION TO BE USED FOR

PLANNING POSSIBLE FUTURE STORAGE ALTERNATIVES. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PREFERS TO CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH SUPPLIERS AND, IF NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED, WILL FURNISH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WHATEVER INFORMATION IS AGREED UPON WITH THE MCLAA."

3. SUGGEST LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF PROPOSED NOTE BE HELD FOR TIME BEING, FOR USE WITH GOF AT SUCH TIME AS NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE RENEWED. VANCE

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